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HAWAII.

Reports from Honolulu—Examination of rats for plague infection.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Currie reports, January 18, through Temporary Chief Quarantine Officer Moore:

Week ended January 16.

Total number of rats taken in Honolulu.....	653
Trapped	651
Found dead.....	1
Examined bacteriologically	459
Rats from Honolulu showing plague infection	0
Rats from Hilo under investigation (cultures sent from Hilo)	8
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Classification of rats trapped:	
Mus rattus	85
Mus norvegicus	67
Mus alexandrinus	61
Mus musculus.....	449
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Total classified	662
Average number of traps set daily.....	1, 439

ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Emigrants recommended for rejection—Smallpox in Naples—Vaccination on vessels—Status of smallpox in Italy.

Assistant Surgeon Wollenberg reports, January 18:

Vessels inspected at Naples and Palermo week ended January 16.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Jan. 13	Calabria	New York	237	7	350
13	Pannonia	do			
16	Venezia	do	995	90	1, 450
	Total		1, 232	97	1, 800

PALERMO.

Jan. 14	Calabria	New York	256	212	157
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Rejections recommended.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Trachoma.	Favus.	Suspected trachoma.	Suspected favus.	Other causes.	Total.
Jan. 13	Calabria.....	9	10	1	2	22
13	Pannonia.....
16	Venezia	25	15	9	49
	Total	34	25	1	11	71

PALERMO.

Jan. 14	Calabria	11	11	1	23
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Smallpox in Naples.—During the week ended January 17 there were 46 cases of smallpox and 7 deaths reported at the health office of the city of Naples. From the date of the introduction of the disease from Marseille, June 13, 1908, the total number of cases has been 343, with 51 deaths. The total number of cases in Naples at the present time, including those reported at the end of last week, is officially stated to be 63. This is believed to be less than the actual number. All occupants of houses in the immediate vicinity of infected dwellings are vaccinated, but from six to eleven days usually elapse before this is done, though occupants of the infected houses are always vaccinated at once, upon a case being reported to the health office. A general vaccination has not been carried out.

Two foci of infection exist, one in the central and one in the western part of the city. Most of the cases have occurred in these sections, with a small number scattered throughout the other sections. No cases have been discovered in the business or hotel districts. The infected houses are mostly situated on the dark and narrow streets with which the older portion of Naples so greatly abounds, and in which cholera and plague have prevailed so terribly in years past.

Members of crews embarking at Naples on ships bound for the United States are vaccinated by the ships' surgeons, who certify to that effect before bills of health are issued. Since December 14, 1908, the consul-general at Genoa has required the vaccination of all steerage passengers bound for the United States and the disinfection of unclean baggage from smallpox-infected districts, a rather violent epidemic having been reported to exist in Ferrara, on the river Po. The precautions taken at Palermo have always been similar to those at Naples, so that ships from Italian emigration ports may now be considered very safe.

Status of smallpox in Italy.—Week ended January 17. Province of Reggio Calabria (Cinqufrondi) 13 cases.

JAPAN.

Reports from Yokohama—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Plague-infected rats found on coast steamship Tonegawa Maru from Osaka for Ujina.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, January 9 and 12:

During the week ended January 2 bills of health were issued to 2 vessels, having an aggregate personnel of 52 saloon and 262 steerage passengers, and 337 members of crews.

This port and vicinity remain free from quarantinable diseases.

Week ended January 9, bills of health issued to 6 steamships having an aggregate personnel of 659 members of crews, 74 saloon, and 134 steerage and second-cabin passengers.

The *Benledi*, hence for Manila via Kobe and ports was given a bill of health with indorsement advising partial fumigation, bathing of crew, and disinfection of forecabin before leaving Kobe, which is undoubtedly plague infected.

Plague-infected rats were found on the coast steamship *Tonegawa Maru* at Ujina, the closed naval port in the Inland Sea, upon her arrival January 8 from Osaka, which place, from a maritime quarantine point, is a part of Kobe.

The health conditions here remain good.